



OVERVIEW

Moshe Rabbeinu exhorts Bnei Yisrael to keep Shabbat, and requests donations for the materials for making the Mishkan. He collects gold, silver, precious stones, skins and yarn, as well as incense and olive oil for the menorah and for anointing. The princes of each tribe bring the precious stones for the kohen gadol's breastplate and ephod. Hashem appoints Betzalel and Oholiav as the master craftsmen. Bnei Yisrael contribute so much that Moshe begins to refuse donations. Special curtains with two different covers were designed for the Mishkan's roof and door. Gold-covered boards in silver bases were connected, forming the Mishkan's walls. Betzalel made the holy ark (which contained the Tablets) from wood covered with gold. On the ark's cover were two figures facing each other. The menorah and the table with the showbreads were also of gold. Two altars were made: A small incense altar of wood overlaid with gold, and a larger altar for sacrifices made of wood covered with copper.



LAZINESS MAY BE LURKING IN NOBLE DECISIONS NOT TO DO SOMETHING

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There is a pasuk in Parshas Vayakhel, which reads: "And the Princes brought the Shoham stones and the Miluim stones for the Ephod and the Choshen" [Shmos 35:27]. Rashi cites a teaching of Chazal -- "What prompted the Nesiim [Princes] to contribute first at the inauguration of the Mizbeach [altar] [Bamidbar 7:1-2], while they did not contribute first at the construction of the Mishkan [Tabernacle]? The answer is that by the Mishkan, they took the attitude 'Let the public contribute whatever they contribute and we will complete any shortfall.' Since the public contributed everything that was needed, the Nesiim said 'What is left for us to do?' The only things not yet contributed were the Shoham stones and the Miluim stones for the Ephod and the Choshen and so that is what they brought. Therefore, they made sure to be the first to contribute by the dedication of the Mizbeach. Since they were somewhat lazy in contributing to the Mishkan, the spelling of the word Nesiim is defective in this pasuk (without a yud between the sin and the aleph)."

Rav Simcha Zissel Brody questions Chazal's assertion that the Nesiim were lazy. Offering to make up any deficit in the Mishkan building campaign does not sound like laziness. It seems very generous! Perhaps it was a mistake or a miscalculation, but why is it described as "laziness"?

Rav Simcha Zissel says that we learn from here something that we should all take to heart. Namely, whenever we have an opportunity to do something or not to do something and we decide to delay, even for the most noble of reasons, we should realize that such an attitude is really based on laziness and inertia. Regardless of the nobleness of the reason or justification for not doing something, a person must always carefully introspect and truly consider the possibility that the noble justification was only a fig leaf for a not so noble character trait – namely, laziness.



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SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR

RABBI AUERBACH

ADAR I & ADAR II - PART 2

A BOY THAT WAS BORN IN A LEAP YEAR ON **30 ADAR I**, WHEN DOES HE CELEBRATE HIS BARMITZVAH?

Shabbos afternoon at 5.20pm

CANDLE LIGHTING

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